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TOO MUCH FAMILY POLITICS CONNERY PLUMS WANT NO GERMAN

Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

There are citizens who believe that it is contrary to good public policy in a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single family.

The threats made by members of the Connery family to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs.

The result is startling and of interest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally.

No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago.

Very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions. Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connerys.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around. Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is to be sure.

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their well-known hankering for good things. "State Street Store" Blocki as you may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal business, is a member of the Board of Review.

William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki. Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your ballots.

Good stories of city contracts and of other contracts in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out.

There was a number of talented Democratic leaders who held office or contracts under the Busse BUSINESS administration.

We have referred to some of these worthies before as our files will attest.

But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought it about.

Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in its gift, the Connerys are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard to defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was great.

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1912, the Connery outfit fought him at the polls in favor of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Sweitzer was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys saw another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

But the Democratic stomach was showing signs of balking at an oversight of Connery and the noble Francis D. was sent back to the payroll to wait for another chance.

Sweitzer got the nomination and it

is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Sweitzer's election—to say the least.

This year the Connerys are not asking for much.

It is reported that Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Connery will not seek Republican nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court against John W. Rainey, the present efficient Democratic incumbent of that office.

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will seek a re-nomination for Recorder of Deeds.

Michael M. Connery, brother of John T. Connery, and Francis D. Connery, will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review, until next year.

So William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salaried job as Blocki's Secretary.

But by next year a few more offices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Connery first—the rest nowhere.

JUICY JOBS FOR CONNERYS

Information Gleaned from a Circular Distributed in the 28th Ward at the Last Primary.

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during the late primary for Democratic Ward Committee and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs."

Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public pay roll.

Francis D. Connery.

Alderman 1901-1903—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

Alderman 1907-1909—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915—6 years—\$5,000—\$10,000.

Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,000 per year, 1915.

When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Sanitary District, Mr. Eugene Roland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position.

Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Francis).

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,000—\$36,000.

M. F. Connery.

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,500—\$6,340.

Henry Connery (Brother of Francis).

In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

Michael M. Connery (Brother of above).

Inspector in Attorney General's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

William J. Connery (Nephew of above).

Clerk Board of Review 6 years at \$1,500—\$9,000.

James J. Riordan (Brother-in-law of Francis).

Police officer in City Clerk's office.

James P. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not stated.

Several Women Relatives—Clerks in Recorder's office. Salaries not stated.

One Woman Relative—Truant officer. Salary not stated.

Other small positions held by Connerys mentioned. Salaries not stated.

William J. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Municipal Court 6 years at \$1,320—\$7,920.

The circular winds up with this statement:

"Other Connerys are holding office besides those mentioned above."

The above circular circulated by 28th Ward Democrats at a recent primary election only gives the relatives of Francis D. Connery, who is a brother of Reviewer Blocki's partner, John T. Connery; State Attorney General's Investigator Michael M. Connery; Recorder of Deeds Joseph F. Connery; an uncle of Reviewer Blocki's Assistant, William J. Connery; a brother of Henry Connery, State Bank Examiner.

If all of the office-holding relatives of all of the other Connerys outside of Francis D. Connery were published it would have to be as a serial. No one issue of the paper could spare the space for the names.

Inducing people to buy property because of its proximity to Lake Michigan and then fencing them off from the enjoyment of the lake is one of the many complaints justly made by Edgewater people against a gang of exploiters.

People looking for the Edgewater Beach Hotel, 5325 Sheridan Road, said to be owned in part by the Connerys would look in vain for it if they searched the 1916 printed assessment roll of District No. 4, town of Lake View for it.

Harry R. Gibbons, the well known box manufacturer, is assessed on \$2,000 at his residence, 5402 Sheridan Road.

M. H. McGovern, the well known contractor, lives at 5459 Sheridan Road and is assessed on \$2,100.

M. M. Magness, at 5115 Sheridan Road, is listed at \$2,700.

Thomas J. Webb, at 5256 Sheridan Road, is listed at \$1,400.

F. Bowers, at 5116 Sheridan Road, is listed at \$4,350.

T. H. Gilliland, at 5133 Sheridan Road, is listed at \$1,650.

R. D. Huxsag, at 5455 Sheridan Road, is listed at \$1,115.

P. Malkin, at 5123 Sheridan Road, is listed at \$3,000.

C. H. Fellows, at 5124 Sheridan Road, is listed at \$1,500.

And so on.

H. J. Briede, 5246 Sheridan road, is listed at \$1,750.

A. Ellinger, 5220 Sheridan road, is listed at \$1,000.

J. B. Earl, 5133 Sheridan road, is listed at \$2,900.

A. M. Gatzlay, 5416 Sheridan road, is listed at \$1,065.

S. L. Graham, 5117 Sheridan road, is listed at \$800.

J. C. O'Brien, 5132 Sheridan road, is listed at \$600.

Alice A. Murray, 5412 Sheridan road, is listed at \$7,550.

Mrs. E. C. Keefe, 5120 Sheridan road, is listed at \$11,265.

Saddle & Cycle Club, 5227 Sheridan road, is listed at \$11,250.

Ella Stromberg, 5442 Sheridan road, is listed at \$10,000.

J. A. Van Engers, 5412 Sheridan road, is listed at \$950.

W. M. Walker, 5430 Sheridan road, is listed at \$1,800.

Adolphus Wolf, 5554 Sheridan road, is listed at \$2,250.

How the assessors could go north and south of 5325 Sheridan road, where the Edgewater Beach Hotel is located, and assess all of the above named citizens and not list the Edgewater Beach Hotel is a problem that faces every reader of the printed list issued by the assessors for District No. 4, Town of Lake View.

It is certainly an interesting subject for public inquiry.

CONNERY TAXES

Items About Them; Gleaned from Printed Personal Property Assessments; Also, the Taxes Levied on Labor Unions.

The public is naturally anxious to know what personal property taxes its office holders pay. So much has been said about the number of Connerys holding public office in Chicago that many inquiries have been made as to what personal property assessments are laid against these patriotic persons by the Board of Assessors.

The printed lists of personal property assessments for 1916 show the following facts:

Joseph F. Connery, Recorder of Deeds, at a salary of \$9,000 a year; also said to be secretary of a grave yard company, salary not learned and real estate dealer at 134 South La Salle street. House, 2028 West Washington boulevard.

Assessment on printed list for District 24, West Town, \$400.

Official salary, \$36,000 for four years. Assessed on \$400.

Joseph F. Connery, Recorder of Deeds, at \$9,000 per year; secretary of the Graceland Cemetery Improvement Association and real estate dealer, is not listed on the assessors' printed list for district 16, South Town, at his office, 134 South La Salle street.

Henry T. Connery, Bank Examiner, House, 2028 West Washington boulevard.

No assessment.

C. A. Connery, teacher. House, 2028 West Washington boulevard.

No assessment.

William J. Connery, clerk Board of Review. House, 2935 West Washington boulevard.

No assessment.

Michael M. Connery, Examiner and Investigator for Attorney General. House, 6234 Winthrop avenue.

No assessment.

M. F. Connery, Chief Clerk, 120 County building. House, 6234 Winthrop avenue.

No assessment.

Francis D. Connery, Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago, at \$6,000 per year. House, 3702 North Washnawen avenue.

No assessment on printed list for that district.

Francis D. Connery, Comptroller of Sanitary District of Chicago, at \$6,000 per year, moved since May 1 to 1128 Columbia avenue.

No assessment at that number.

The Board of Assessors makes some very curious mistakes. It appears from the following received by The Chicago Eagle, August 7, 1916, and postmarked same date, that the official printed assessment roll for district No. 4, Lake View, which omitted

Mr. John T. Connery's name and assessment, was at fault, as witness this letter:

BOARD OF ASSESSORS. July 28, 1916.

Mr. John T. Connery, Care Edgewater Beach Hotel.

Dear Sir: Through a typographical error the Printed List for District No. 4, Lake View, failed to include your name for personal property. Our books show that you are assessed on a Full Value of \$2,100.

Respectfully yours,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS. BY CHARLES KRUTCOFF.

People know enough about this Board of Assessors to believe that it would stop at nothing.

But no one suspected it of being so hardened as to commit a "typographical error."

J. T. Connery's name does not appear on the printed assessment list which includes the territory in which his business office at 332 South Michigan avenue is located, in District 20, town of South Chicago.

The Miami Coal Company at 332 S. Michigan avenue, of which Mr. Connery is president, and Reviewer Blocki is Vice president, is assessed on a Full Value of \$3,000.

Labor organizations do not appear to escape the vigilance of the Assessors.

The Chicago Federation of Labor on its desk at 166 West Washington street, is assessed at \$800.

The Brotherhood of All Railroad Men at 326 West Madison street, is assessed at \$400.

Bakery Drivers' Union, desk in room 506, 175 West Washington street, assessed at \$900.

Chauffeurs' Union, desk in room 506, 175 West Washington street, assessed at \$900.

Laundry Drivers' Union, desk in room 506, 175 West Washington street, assessed at \$900.

Milk Drivers' Union, desk in room 506, 175 West Washington street, assessed at \$900.

Tea and Coffee Drivers' Union, desk in room 506, 175 West Washington street, assessed at \$900.

Bill Posters' Union, desk in room 400, 175 West Washington street, assessed at \$450.

A large number of other assessments against labor organizations might be quoted.

But what's the use?

These from one district, District 9, South Town, are enough.

So-called Democrats have nominated a ticket without a German by birth or descent on it.

A Connery is on it of course, for one of the best jobs.

Not a man on the ticket had an American grandfather, the only outgoing county official who had an American grandfather, County Surveyor George C. Waterman, was not renominated.

No Germans were wanted. Some of the leaders were interviewed by

The Tribune with the following results:

Roas C. Hall, representing the country towns, said:

"Our ticket will be unbeatable in November after we have slated a few Poles for the Municipal court. The city hall forces have put up a ticket of Swedes and Germans. We've named a ticket of Irish and Poles. How can we lose?"

There isn't a single German on the entire Sullivan slate, the talk among the slatemakers being that no German had a chance in Cook County this fall.

The full slate named follows:

Recorder—Joseph F. Connery.

Circuit Court Clerk—John W. Rainey.

Superior Court Clerk—James C. Gavin.

Coroner—James B. Bowler.

Assessor (six year term)—Martin J. O'Brien.

Assessor (to fill vacancy)—Joseph Cepak.

Board of Review—Thos. J. Webb.

County Surveyor—William F. Feeney.

President Sanitary District—Thom. M. Sullivan.

Sanitary Trustees—Joseph Rushkewicz and James A. Long.

State's Attorney—Maciay Hoynes.

Superior Court Judge (to fill vacancy)—Joseph Sabath.

Circuit Judge (to fill vacancy)—Jacob H. Hopkins.

"We will nominate Hoynes and cut the guts out of him at the polls like we did in 1912," said one leader.

CONNERY ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 1916

STATE OFFICES.

State Auditor.

Election November 7, 1916.

Auditor of Public Accounts.

County Auditor's Office.

Bank Examiner—Henry T. Connery.

Election November 7, 1916.

SANITARY DISTRICT OF CHICAGO.

President of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Election November 7, 1916.

Trustees of the Sanitary District.

Election November 7, 1916.

Sanitary District of Chicago.

Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago—

Francis D. Connery.

Election November 7, 1916, for Trustees who choose Comptroller.

COUNTY OFFICES.

Recorder of Deeds.

Election November 7, 1916.

Recorder of Deeds—Joseph F. Connery.

Election November 7, 1916.

Several members of the Connery family on Recorder's payroll.

Election November 7, 1916.

Board of Review.

Election November 7, 1916.

Clerk for Board of Review—William J. Connery.

Election November 7, 1916.

gates matters connected with public offices.

They have known right along that an Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office was a Connery.

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery.

They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District.

They have known right along that the rather important job of State Bank Examiner is held by a Connery.

They have known right along that many of the public offices in Cook County are aoneycombed with Connerys.

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year, whose office contains several Connerys, is a Connery.

POOR VOTE GETTERS

Although the Connerys Hold Many Public Jobs They Are Not Strong at the Ballot Box.

At the Democratic primary for Recorder of Deeds in 1912 the result was:

Joseph F. Connery.....56,343

His opponents64,495

So Connery was a minority nominee.

At the same primary John W. Rainey ran for the nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court, the office held by Connery's Republican nephew-in-law, Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr. Result of the primary:

John W. Rainey71,695

All opponents44,666

Rainey's majority over all27,029

At the same primary in 1912 John T. Connery's partner in the coal business, Blocki, was a candidate for the nomination for Board of Review. The result:

Blocki, Connery's partner39,415

His opponents87,253

So Blocki, Connery's partner, was in a minority of 47,838 votes. One of his opponents, Charles J. Vopicka, came near defeating Blocki, Connery's partner, receiving 38,989 votes to Blocki, Connery's partner's 39,415.

In 1913, Francis D. Connery was a candidate at the Democratic primary for the nomination for City Clerk.

Francis D. Connery.....42,187

His Democratic opponents.....51,460

So Connery was very much of a minority candidate.

GIBBONS' GREAT RALLY

Harry R. Gibbons, Democratic committeeman of the Twenty-fifth Ward, is making plans for a political ball in Arcadia Hall, Broadway and Wilson, Sept. 5. He announces it will be the biggest affair of the kind ever given in Chicago. He says fifty boxes have been subscribed for and Vice President Thomas R. Marshall has been asked to lead the grand march.

Gov. Dunne, State's Attorney Hoynes, William B. Brinton of Dixon, and many other state officials and candidates are scheduled to be present.

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